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CLASSIFICATION OF INSTITUTES FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any norms for classifying higher educational and professional educational institutions as minority institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role of State Governments/Union Territories in this regard;

(d) the details of institutions recognised as minority institutions during each of the last three years ;and

(e) the role, liabilities and rights of minority management and others concerned with regard to these institutions recognised as minority institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a to e): Institutions established or administered by the minorities in exercise of their rights under Article 30 (1) of the constitution are recognized as Minority Educational Institutions by the government or authority of jurisdiction over such institutions. Section 2(g) of National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Act 2004 also defines Minority Educational Institutions for the purposes of the said Act. While information on institutions recognized by state governments as Minority Educational Institutions is not centrally maintained, the Central Government has so far recognized three institutions deemed to be universities and one Central University (Aligarh Muslim University) as minority educational institutions. The recognition granted to the Aligarh Muslim University is Sub-judice before the Supreme Court. The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) is also competent under Section 12B and Section 12C of the (NCMEI) Act, 2004 to decide on the minority status of an educational institution. The NCMEI has so far issued recognition certificates to 1128 minority Institutions in 26 States and 4 UTs. The right to administer minority education institutions includes the right to admissions and appointments therein.